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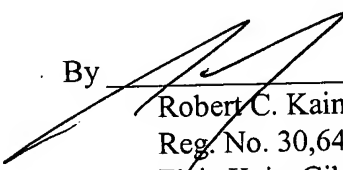
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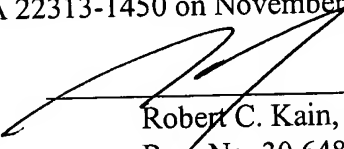
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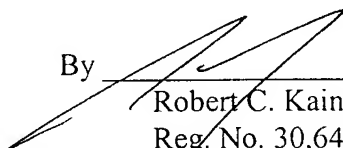
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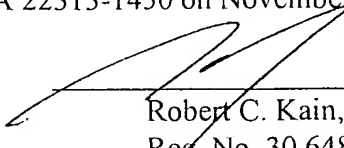
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Applicant elects the species in FIG. 30i, without traverse. The following claims read on FIG. 30i: claims 1 - 8; claims 24 - 29; claims 45 - 53.

seeks to patent the combination of the removal tool and the locking nut and bolt claimed in claims 7 and 8 (generic) and specifically claim 13. See Figs. 116, 117, and the modification in FIGS. 92 and 93. Claim 13 relates to the combination of the tool and a specific locking insert. See FIGS. 30b, 30c, 30d, 30f and 30i for this locking nut insert. FIG. 30f shows the locking nut insert disposed in the nut. FIG. 30i shows a locking nut insert partially disposed within and partially extending outboard of the nut. The bolts are shown in many figures.

Applicant retains the right to seek patent protection on the removal tool in a divisional or a continuation patent application.

No traverse. Claims not specified herein do not fall within elected species. The inventorship associated with the above identified claims is correct. **The election set forth herein is consistent with the pending parent case.**

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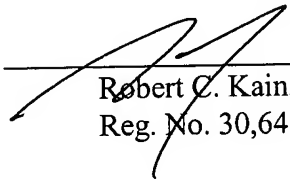
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